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1. On 7 June 30 x 155 mm¹ long range guns² of Soviet manufacture arrived in Canton by special train from Hankow. Immediately 12 of these guns were sent to Humen (113-41, 22-49), Yamen (113- , 22-), Chungshan (113-36, 22-22), Santsao (113- , 22-), and Wanshan (113- , 21-). Other guns were sent to Swatow, Hsiying (110-24, 21-11), and Yulin (109-34, 18-13).
2. Since early May the Chinese Communist military authorities in Kwangtung have been sending small groups of technical experts to inspect the defenses of the islands at the mouth of the Pearl River. They are attempting to replace the small calibre guns on the islands with heavy guns of Soviet manufacture. Between 7 and 11 May 8 heavy guns of Soviet manufacture and 100 boxes of ammunition for them arrived in the islands from Whampoa.
3. On 15 June a Chinese Communist vessel sailed from Whampoa to Santsao Island with two long range coastal artillery pieces and three anti-aircraft guns. Four Soviet technicians accompanied the shipment.
4. On 8 June 500 drums of gasoline and 900 sets of truck tires (600 were 6 x 35, and 300 were 7 x 34) were sent north from Canton. All this materiel had been shipped to Canton from Macao.
5. On 11 June five thousand 120-pound bags of rice arrived in Canton via the Canton-Hankow railroad. They were stored in the Kwangtung Provincial Bank Building on Hsi Hu (西湖) Road, Canton.

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6. In early June the Wenchou (120-38, 28-01) Commissioner's Office was registering all unemployed seamen in that area for short periods of training, which were to be followed by assignment to the Chinese Communist Navy.

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